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COKE MARKET REMAINS FIRM.

Continues to Grow in Strength
of Output Each Week
Now.

CAR SHORTAGE HANDICAP

Large Number of Cars Being Supplied
by Railroads But More of Them
Could Be Used in the Trade—Specu-
lating on 1910 Prices

THE STATISTICS SUMMARIZED.

For the week ending Saturday, Nov-
ember 13, 1909

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in both regions see pages 2 and 3.)

Continued growth and firmness were
features of the coke trade last week.
The trade moved up over 5,000 tons
in production and the shipments in-
creased 168 cars. Improvements in
conditions were marked all along the
line in the trade, bettering conditions
being evidenced at all plants. As the
figures indicate the car supply was
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in relieving the car shortage which has
not as yet reached its normal stage.
Agents at all points are making every
effort to keep the cars on the move
and believe that they are able to
cope with the present situation.

Some nervousness is being created
by buyers for their 1910 needs. As
yet but few orders have been placed
for longer time than for the current
balance. The balance for 1910 is
estimated upon what the price will be
at the first of the year and consumers
apparently do not feel so sure of their
ground either. It is a question that
has resolved itself into a debatable
one. Operators want \$3.50 for their
coke for the balance of the year and
have a feeling that this price probably
be worth more than that figure. The
consumers are undecided as to whether
it is good business policy to con-
tract on \$3.00 or \$3.10 for the first six
months, some believing that the \$3.95
figure will hold good. But it is not
getting up to a point where there is
not a great deal of time left in which
to make a decision in order to insure a
supply and both factors will probably
have to take a chance on which side
the best end of the business lies.

Many contracts will probably be closed
between December 1 and the 15th of
the month and these will give some
idea of the average price of coke to
rule during 1910.

That the operators have without doubt
found in the improved conditions of
the coke trade a reason for their
construction work has been proved by
the fact that they are building up
their plants. Over 100 new plants are
being built at all points. The Penn-
sylvania Coal & Coke Company has started
work on over 300 new plants at its
various plants. The number added will

not be large but the capacity will be
greatly increased at the works. The
Isabella Connellsville Coke Company is
preparing and has let contracts to push
its work. The Power Hill Connellsville
Coke Company is extending its
work and is planning on an \$800,000
plant. The Marion Coke Company has
32 ovens under construction. The
Cheat River Coke Company in which
the Sherricks are interested are lay-
ing out plans to build a plant and rail
road to develop their tract of over 100
acres. The Thompson Connellsville
Coke Company is getting in shape to
fire its entire new plant of 500 ovens
and start in upon its contract with the
Jones & Laughlin Company.

Labor conditions are improving each
day. For the past 10 days upwards of
2,000 workmen have arrived in the re-
gion and have settled down at the vari-
ous plants. With the exception of a
few weddings and christenings there
has been little trouble on this ac-
count and the general impression is
that the labor question will not be a
serious handicap to the region.

The coke trade promises to go into
the new year in boom fashion and
there seems to be no reason why the
old production should not be noted
from week to week from this period on
at least next July.

In his weekly review, George B.
Irvin, secretary of the Coke Producers
Association says:

Our reports for the week ending Sat-
urday, November 13, show a marked im-
provement in the coke trade. The pro-
duction of coke was 15,585 tons, an in-
crease of 5,000 tons over the week end-
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THE METAL MARKET.

Advance in Sheet and Tin Mill Pro-
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The coal market is almost a deadlock on Con-
necticut the turnpike for next year
about but the prospective consump-
tion was covered even while in the
past two or three weeks scarcely
anything has been done. A 350,000
tons a month for next year
still to be covered.

ANOTHER BIG MINE DISASTER.

Believed That 300 Men Have
Met Death In Il-
linois.

DUST BELIEVED THE CAUSE

Accident Occurred Last Saturday
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It is believed that 300 men lost their
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GETTING IN SHAPE.

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Advice on American and Foreign Types of
BY-PRODUCT COKE OVENS.
Telegrams, ALADDCO
SOUTH BETHLEHEM, PA.

OLD LAUREL HILL CHURCH HISTORY.

Rev. J. B. Reed Has Been Pastor Over Twenty Years.

WORK HE HAS ACCOMPLISHED

Many Sons of the Church Have Gone Out and Done Well in the World—It is the Oldest Church West of the Allegheny Mountains

Dr. J. B. Reed Sunday gave a synopsis of the work of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church of which he has been pastor 21 years, having taken charge there November 11, 1888.

Laurel Hill is the oldest church west of the mountains, having been established in the year 1776. The preachers that have preached at the church are: First Rev. Daniel Seaton, Rev. Guthrie, then Rev. Joel Stover, fourth R. R. Gailey, fifth Rev. S. S. Bergen, sixth Dr. J. B. Reed, the present pastor.

When Dr. Reed took charge of the church 21 years ago the church building was a two-story brick structure which was condemned in 1897 and the present fine country church with its large auditorium, Sunday school rooms, kitchen and parsonage, room was built. It is one of the best in the country with its large grounds.

Twenty-one years ago the preacher lived in a house rented by the people a mile from the church. In 1892 they bought about eight acres of ground and built a very beautiful parsonage with other buildings that are needed in the country, with all the fencing necessary, and the deacons have just completed putting in a complete hot water system of heating, the parsonage, Dr. Reed also planted a small orchard of which he is reaping the fruits.

The church has also purchased a house and lot for the sexton who takes charge of the buildings and grounds, to live in. A few years ago Judge J. C. Work, a son of the church, purchased 10 acres of ground adjoining the old cemetery and gave the church a free deed for the same. This has been laid out in nice lots and shade trees planted thereon.

During these latter years as the old members of the congregation have been moving in town the church has established a Memorial Fund of over \$7,000. The interest of this goes to help pay the pastor's yearly salary. This money is mostly money willed to the church by deceased members to perpetuate their name in the church and each is known by its individual name.

Of the elders, 11 years ago George Leagley, Wm. H. Brown, John Johnson, John Wright and Jesse Ogilvie are dead. Only R. H. Smith and T. Henry Smith are living.

Laurel Hill stands second on the roll of honor of money contributed to missions in Redstone Presbyterian Union being first. Dr. Reed says he has always gone to Presbytery with a clear report all money paid up. During Dr. Reed's pastorate a great many young men have gone out from the church into other fields of labor and by tracing them it is found that they are making good in their new locations. In Uniontown two young men are elders in Connellsville some of them are at the forefront of the work and in other cities they are found in the work.

Dr. Reed commenced preaching in Parkersburg, W. Va. in 1866 and was there eight years. His first church had 120 members. Before he left it had 120.

From 1871 to 1882 he preached at Sistersville and from 1882 to 1888 in Fairmont. So he had been 25 years in the harness before he came to Laurel Hill. This makes 46 years in the gospel ministry and he still seems hale and hearty although he preaches two sermons every Sabbath. Dr. Reed was a classmate of Dr. Millholland, deacon of Uniontown and Dr. J. C. Meloy of West Newton.

WHEAT CROP PROSPECTS

In Fayette County Don't Appear to Be So Good

A larger acreage of wheat than in many years was sown this year and it is being watched with considerable anxiety by the farmers of Fayette. The crop last year was a failure and the fields were turned into wheat this year.

The good rains and the open weather caused it to spring up quickly and all over the county the wheat fields are green. It is feared by the farmers that a heavy rain followed by freezing weather will destroy the crops. What they are praying for is good heavy snows the coming winter to protect it. The growth of the wheat is far in advance of all other years.

Miss Parker Appointed
WAYNESBURG, Nov. 12.—Judge James Ingram has appointed Miss Merville Parker of Waynesburg, probation officer of the Juvenile Court of Greene county.

Died of Measles
Following an illness of four days Mrs. Jane Lemke of Throckmorton, Greene county is dead of measles, aged 50 years.

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BACK IN JAIL.

Low Strayer is Given Up By His Bondsmen

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 13.—Low Strayer was committed to jail last night when two of his four bondsmen had a bail price issued. Strayer was arrested in Connellsville on his return from Ohio by Chief of Police Reutter and was brought to Uniontown by Deputy Sheriff Jesse Berg.

Strayer who is an insurance agent was arrested on the charges of forging the names of G. P. Markel and J. E. Conn of Uniontown and S. A. Conn and the D. P. Morgan of Smithfield to notes ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 on the Smithfield National Bank.

Strayer admitted his guilt but sentence was suspended on condition that he raise the amount secured by the forgeries and return the money. He promised to make good the losses and was released on a \$2,000 bond returned by L. S. Melham, J. S. Bivner, A. J. Cochran and Otto Haas.

He disappeared for a time and it was thought that he would jump his bond. When he could not be located, the court ordered a warrant for his arrest and he was taken into custody and secured the bail price.

BREWERS PREPARE TO PUT UP BATTLE

Lawyers Will Argue Big Case Before Attorney General at Harrisburg Next Week

PITTSBURG, Nov. 13.—Representatives of 10 Western Pennsylvania long running breweries have agreed to put up a battle to the proceedings to be held before Attorney General

Humphreys at Harrisburg, Nov. 19-20. Some time ago the attorney general filed a bill that the brewers could not under their charters own property and give it away or sell it and proceeds were started a force to carry the brewers.

At the meeting the brewers met and decided to oppose the attorney general's decision. Attorneys representing them will appear before the attorney general on the date set and make the arguments. The brewers maintain that they have the right to manage their property and give it away if not to sell it.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES HOLD A MEETING

Improvements Will Be Made in the Bath Rooms in the Old Buildings

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Cottage State Hospital was held Thursday afternoon at the hospital. Dr. J. B. Ewing of Uniontown, J. M. McSpade of Rockwood, Colonel F. H. Reid, Drs. H. F. Atkinson and T. H. White were the trustees present. The meeting was devoted principally to regular routine business.

The condition of the bath rooms in the old building was discussed and it was decided to make the needed improvements. It has been about 10 years since the rooms have had any great improvements made upon them.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR DAWSON WOMAN

Mrs. Charles Koontz Falls Through Trap Door in Store at McKeesport

Mrs. Charles Koontz of McKeesport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore of Dawson had a narrow escape from being seriously injured Friday afternoon when she fell through a trap door in the Koontz store here. She was slightly injured. It was rumored in Dawson that her back was broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore received word to the effect that her injuries were only slight and that she was able to be about.

PHOTOGRAPHERS' MEETING

Convention of Fayette and Westmoreland Picture Men in Uniontown

UNIONTOWN, Nov. 12.—The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Fayette and Westmoreland Photographers Association was held in Uniontown yesterday. A business session was held at O. C. Kough's gallery during the morning and the party adjourned to the Galatin Hotel for dinner.

Each photographer brings with him some of the best samples of his work and there is a display and inspection of pictures and a general interchange of ideas for the good of the profession. There are between 30 and 50 members of the association.

ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Mt. Braddock Man is Committed to County Jail

DUNBAR, Nov. 12.—Herbert Nicklow of Mt. Braddock has been committed to jail by Justice A. C. Colton of Dunbar on a serious charge made by Police Officer Fred 18.

When he threatened Nicklow secured a compromise by promising to pay the sum of which he did not. Nicklow claims that he had not paid the remainder of the amount because he did not know the address of the girl.

PITTSBURG BREWING SHOWING LAST YEAR

Gross Receipt For Twelve Months Were \$5,324,170 Increase Over Last Year

Gross receipts of the Pittsburgh Brewing Company for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1909, were \$5,324,170, an increase of \$251,471 or about 5 per cent over the receipts for the year 1908. The gross receipts for the year 1908 were \$5,072,700. The gross receipts for the year 1907 were \$4,821,229.

After the payment of the \$7,000,000 interest on the \$6,000,000 bonds and the balance of \$5,324,170, the company has not yet received the full amount of the \$7,000,000 interest on the \$6,000,000 bonds.

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A POKER GAME ENDS IN MURDER.

Dispute Started Over Value of a Hand and the Jack Pot.

THE VICTIM BLEED TO DEATH

Jasper Kenney With Artery in Leg Severed Died on Floor Where He Fell—Murderer Was Surrendered by His Father in Law

Jasper Kenney, a negro, was killed in a poker game at a place known as the "Jack Pot" at River View Saturday night and about 10:30 p.m. The victim was under an attack of a single barrel shotgun which killed him. The man died in about 10 minutes.

Jasper Kenney and wife, Adeline Kenney, were shot by John Moore, a negro, who was playing with him in a poker game. The dispute was over the value of a hand and the jack pot.

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PROSPEROUS FARMER OUT IN KANSAS STATE

John Brooks Former Fayette County Resident Moves Into County Seat

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STATE CHARTERS ISSUED.

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INFANT SWALLOWS BOTTLE OF WHISKY.

Martin Caille, Aged 3, May Die as Result of Innocent Debauch.

STOMACH PUMP IS APPLIED

Much of the Fluid is Extracted But Youngster's Condition is Very Grave Father is Whisky Agent at Fairbanks Works

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THE GAS QUESTION IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Gov. W. E. Glasscock Endeavors to Learn Sentiment of State.

TAX INCREASE IS CONSIDERED

The Legislature May Be Called in Special Session to Act in the Matter After the First of the Year. Discussion is Lively.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 17.—At the recent meeting of the State Board of Trade, held at Huntington, this State, Gov. William E. Glasscock delivered an address on the "Development and Conservation of the State's Natural Resources." The address was purely statistical, without comment or suggestion. The gathering of this information required several months' labor, and, without reflecting upon the genuineness of the startling figures disclosed, it is not detracting from the effort to say that in many instances the figures would be changed if it were possible to get the correct data.

To do this, however, and have it constantly available, would require the establishment of a new department under the control of the governor or some State department. At present the nearest the State has to such a branch is the tax department, now under the supervision of T. C. Townsend, Tax Commissioner, but even this department constantly finds that it is impossible to learn whether the figures furnished by the public service corporations of the State are correct.

In the matter of the amount of gas produced in the State, it is entirely optional with the gas companies whether they make a correct report or a report at all.

Up to the present the best information that has been gathered has come from the State Geologist—Dr. I. C. White of Morgantown—but the gas companies have always contended that the doctor has not been correct in his figures, especially in reference to the amount of gas that daily goes to waste through lack of laws requiring the taking care of small wastes.

The last three governors—A. B. White, William M. O. Dawson and William E. Glasscock, the present executive—have taken the position that gas is not, and has not, been paying its proportionate share of taxes to the State, and that, while West Virginia is one of the greatest gas producing States in the union, West Virginia, as a State, is getting, and has been getting, little or no benefit from it. Statistics gathered shows that it requires little expense to produce gas when once discovered. For the year 1902 but 221 salaried officials, clerks, managers, surveyors, etc., were employed in West Virginia and the total wage earners were but 933, while the value of the gas, sold at the wells, was about \$5,500,000. In 1907 the total number of men employed was about 2,500 and the value of the gas at the wells about \$17,000,000.

Gas is little used in this State. In 1907 less than 25 per cent of the gas sold was consumed within its borders, 77 per cent being piped outside. On this West Virginia did not receive 1 cent, except on the valuation of the pipe lines that carried the gas away. The amount of gas, as well as the percentage piped out of the State, has been increasing every year but one since 1897, when but 13 per cent was consumed outside the State.

The gas matter has had more to do with creating a sentiment for an extra session of the legislature the coming winter than all other things combined, and, if a session is called by Gov. Glasscock, the taxing of gas will be the real reason.

That the governor is endeavoring to learn what the people of the State want may be gathered from the fact that the speeches delivered by him and State Geologist White at Huntington are being sent to all the members of the Legislature and representative citizens throughout the State. It is understood the members of the Legislature, as well as the citizens, especially farmers, will be asked to express their opinion on the matter and whether, as taxpayers, the State ought to require this industry to pay more, and then whether a special session should be called to pass upon the question.

MORE COAL BOUGHT.

J. V. Thompson Adds to His Holdings in Monongalia County.

MORGANTOWN, Nov. 17.—Three deeds were filed in the office of the County Clerk Monday by which J. V. Thompson, the Pennsylvania coal operator, acquires Monongalia coal lands at a cost of \$58,355.60. The largest deed, for \$29,100, is for the coal land on the waters of Dunkard creek in Clay district belonging to W. W. Keener and wife.

The second deed for \$22,877.60 is for coal lands in Clay district which are conveyed to the purchaser by W. W. Keener and wife and J. L. Hatfield. The third and smallest is for \$6,378, and is for the coal land upon the water of Day's run in Clay district, formerly owned by Edward G. Douley and wife and John L. Hatfield.

All three of the deeds bear date of November 1, 1909, and constitute for one of Monongalia county's greatest coal deals.

COAL AND BRIQUETS.

Tests by United States Geological Survey.

The results of "Comparative tests of run-of-mine and briquetted coal" on the torpedo boat Bibble have just been published by the United States Geological Survey as Bulletin No. 403, by Walter T. Ray and Henry Kreislinger. The main object of these tests was to determine whether briquetted coal can be used on torpedo boats with advantage over run-of-mine coal. The fuels were compared not only with respect to economy but as regards the tendency to smoke, the amount of sparks emitted from the stack, the rate at which steam can be made, the ease with which the fires are handled, and the ease of transferring fuel from the coal bunkers to the fireroom.

The coal used in the tests came from four different mines in the New River coal field, in West Virginia. The briquets made from these coals were of two sizes; the larger were rectangular 7/8 by 1 1/4 by 2 inches; the smaller were circular in cross section 3/4 inch in diameter, 2 3/4 inches thick in the center, and 1 1/4 inch thick at the circumference. The binder used was 6 per cent of water-gas pitch.

The bulletin contains a detailed description of the tests, with complete tabulated results of observations and diagrams showing graphically the relations between the various factors in coal consumption. Although the deductions and conclusions of the authors must be regarded as applicable only to the particular conditions—that is, to the tests of New River run-of-mine coals when burned under a boiler of the Normand type on vessels of the torpedo boat class—yet much of the comment is suggestive and useful to operators of steam plants in general.

The tests showed that there is little or no gain in efficiency in burning briquets of either size, as compared with coal, but that a somewhat higher boiler capacity can be obtained more quickly with briquets than with run-of-mine coal.

Both large and small briquets make at least as much smoke as run-of-mine coal, and there seems to be more flaming in the stack with the briquets than with the coal. The amount of sparks is about the same with both forms of fuel.

NEW RATING GRANTED FOR COKE COMPANIES

Plants on the Elwell Branch Get Concessions Through Special Agent Truesdale.

Through the efforts of F. P. Truesdale, special agent of the Pennsylvania railroad, three coal and coke companies with plants located on the Elwell branch will receive the benefit of the Pittsburgh rating, which means a reduction of 18 per cent on coke rating to Western and Canadian points.

The new order is effective November 29 and includes the plants of Kaine & Wilkey, the Washington Coal & Coke Company and the Eberhard Coal & Coke Company, located at Star Junction. For some unexplainable reason these plants were not included in the Connellsville region which takes the Pittsburgh rate. For years there has been difficulty over the matter and the companies have lost considerable Western business. They have been compelled to ship under the arbitrary rate and have been constantly fighting about it. It was taken up with Mr. Truesdale and after much contention the Western rate was decided upon. The companies are now contending for the Eastern rating on the same basis as other rates from the Connellsville region.

A BIG PLANT FOR THE VALLEY TOWNS

State Health Commissioner Suggests That Four Boroughs Erect Joint Sewage Disposal Plant.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 17.—Samuel G. Dixon, State Health Commissioner, has called attention to the health authorities of the need of the various towns to prepare for the erection of sewage disposal plants, and in notifying the health authorities along this valley, makes a suggestion that Bellevue, Charleroi, Donora and Monessen, erect a joint disposal plant. What action will be taken is not known.

In many places improvements in sewer connections will have to be made but not in Charleroi, where the sewer system is one of the most complete in the State.

TAKES NEW POSITION.

John Harper of Everson Goes With Connellsville Iron Works.

John Harper of Everson has accepted a position with the Connellsville Iron Works as a machinist and commenced work at their shop on the West Side, November 17. Harper is generally conceded to be second to none in his line, which is very extensive. He is well known throughout the coal region on account of his accomplishments in case of breakdowns in pumps and machinery.

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ADVANCE IN WAGES ANNOUNCED

The Dunbar Furnace Company Post Notices Today That It Will Raise Day Laborers' Ten Cents a Day.

Announcement has been made by the management of the Dunbar Furnace Company that December 1, 1909, there will be an advance of ten cents per day on all labor paid by the day at the furnace, the Semet-Solway ovens, the sand mill and on the New Haven & Dunbar railroad. The rate for common labor, with the exceptions noted, will be \$1.50 a day. The Dunbar Furnace Company at all times has been liberal with its men in the matter of wage advances, granting them when business conditions, in its opinion, warranted without any request on the part of the workmen. The policy in raising wages for day labor at this time is in line with advances granted similarly on a number of occasions in the past. In the neighborhood of 500 men will be affected by the new wage rate.

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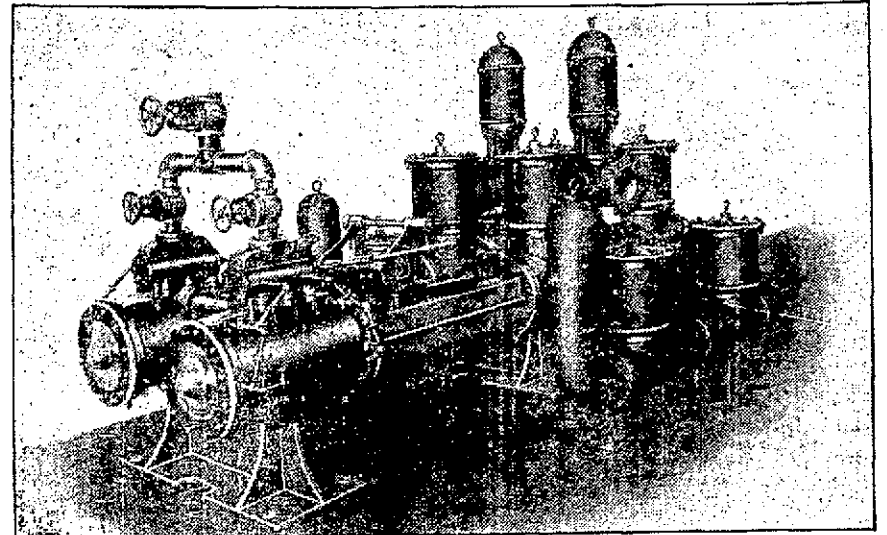
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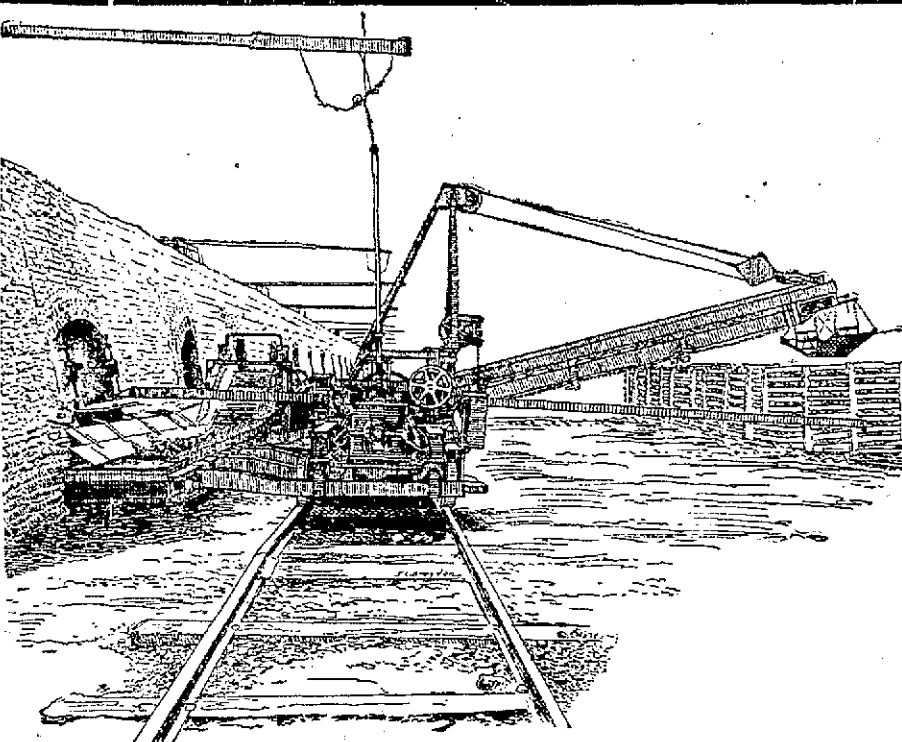
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